

# COLLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Thanks to Lee Marshall for last month's news. It is officially Autumn – the year is flashing by but the weather is relatively clement (as I write this at the beginning of September).

At the last Parish Council meeting a resident described the Village to be a wonderful place to live but was sad and disappointed at the decline and untidiness of parts of the Village Centre and High Street. Metal fencing around the Royal Oak, unfinished building work and the general mess around the village centre were a very sad sight. The Parish Council is limited in its powers, especially when properties are privately owned. However, we regularly contact those people involved but when no replies are received, it is difficult to get a dialogue going.

A new oak tree for the Village centre to replace the diseased white poplar, has been requested for signing up to the Tree Charter. The Parish Council has also requested a Hornbeam for the Community Park as part of the Tree Charter Legacy. Fingers crossed for two new trees which will give pleasure for years to come.

The Parish Clerk responds to all correspondence. Depending on the nature of the enquiry, it may be dealt with immediately or discussed at the next Parish Council meeting and any action taken will be written into the Minutes. However, she occasionally receives unsigned letters with no contact details, which means she is unable to reply. Please include phone number, address or e-mail in any correspondence to the Parish Council to enable us to respond appropriately and as quickly as possible.

The monthly afternoon tea and cakes provided by Village Care have given people a chance to get out of the house and chat with friends they may not have seen for some time. Although this was provided free to Collingham residents, thanks must be passed on to those who donated so generously and also made a variety of cakes. These events have proved very popular during the summer and plans are being made to start again in Spring. All will be welcome, so look out for notices around the Village and in the Fleet.

We are the only principal village in Nottinghamshire with an A road running through its centre. Parking on and around junctions on the High Street can make it difficult for other drivers and residents needing to access their properties. This has become especially problematic around the end of Temperance Lane and signs will be placed around this area requesting that drivers do not block the entrance or egress.

To end on a positive note, we would like to say a big thank you to the Business Club who co-ordinated the decoration of the High Street and events for the OVO Tour of Britain. Thanks also go to the Co-op and all those volunteer organisations who provided refreshments and entertainment during the day – too many to mention individually. The race came through very quickly but Collingham was shown at its best and received good airtime on the TV and a full page in the Newark Advertiser. A brilliant effort everyone – “A stars” all round!

*Michael Davies*

*Collingham Parish Council meets on the fourth Thursday of every month and the second Thursday in December. The meeting in August may be cancelled if there is insufficient business. The meetings are held at the Youth and Community Centre on Low Street, except June which is at the Chapel in Brough and begin at 7:15pm. The general public are welcome at all meetings, though they have no rights to participate except at the beginning of the meeting or at the Chairman's discretion and with prior notice to the clerk. Once the meeting is under way the public are welcome and encouraged to stay and listen to the Council. There may be times because of the sensitive nature of the business being discussed that the public and the press are asked to leave though this happens very rarely.*